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## **REYES HONORS BIKE OVEN WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes has awarded Bike Oven the Earth Day 2008 Environmental Award for its outstanding commitment to increasing environmental awareness in the City of Los Angeles.

“In a city like Los Angeles where the car is the most prevalent form of transportation, The Bike Oven is focused on promoting the use of bicycling as an environmentally friendly alternative,” said Councilmember Ed P. Reyes. “The Bike Oven is a volunteer run bicycle repair collective which started in a single car garage in Highland Park and grew to an improved and larger facility. With the combustion of fossil fuels as the leading cause of climate change, the Bike Oven’s encouragement of a sustainable form of transportation like bicycling is a welcomed and much-needed resource.”

The Bike Oven was one of 15 honorees, each representing a Council District, recognized for their contributions to working to sustain a good quality of life now and for future generations through their environmental efforts.

“The whole idea was to offer up a place to share ideas and knowledge, and to socialize around and about bicycling,” said Josef Bray-Ali, who founded The Bike Oven in 2005. “I backed my car out of the garage on Wednesday nights, assembled a meager set of tools on some old shelves, and offered free pan dulce and boxed wine from Target for the first few months.”

The Bike Oven received Reyes’ award at the Earth Day ceremony today in the Tom Bradley Tower at City Hall, followed d by a formal presentation in the City Council Chambers.

The Bike Oven is located at 3706 N. Figueroa in the Los Angeles community of Highland Park. For more information visit, [www.bikeoven.com](http://www.bikeoven.com), or call 323-223-8020.

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